

data on AAPI students does not reveal the intricacies of the disparate ethnic groups and at worst, it will mask the hard truth of low-performing subgroups. I am cautiously optimistic that report language included in the accompanying conference report to provide for technical assistance to states who do wish to disaggregate AAPI data will be made a reality.

With ESSA in on its way to becoming the law of the land, it is now the responsibility of the states to hold their schools accountable. I firmly believe the state of California will rise to the occasion and develop the standards which work for our state and our institutions of higher education. I look forward to successful implementation of ESSA which emphasizes equal opportunities for all students.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT G.
GOTTSCHALK

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Robert G. Gottschalk, the current Mayor of Millbrae, California, for his twelve years of service on the Millbrae City Council. Mr. Gottschalk served on the council from 2001–2009 and then again from 2011–2015. He was Mayor for three terms and Vice Mayor for three terms.

Just a few years ago, Millbrae, like most cities on the San Francisco Peninsula, undertook a retrenchment involving substantial budget cuts and changes to service delivery. Although many of these changes arrived shortly before Robert Gottschalk returned to the city council, the city's residents counted on Robert and his colleagues to nurture the experiment into a success. Recently, changes occurred to Millbrae's fire department. In both instances, Robert and his colleagues worked hard to ensure that change delivered value for city residents.

Robert also worked hard to identify a sound development partner for the city in several areas near the Millbrae BART station. Surrounding properties, and BART's own property, hold great promise for residents and the city's treasury. Robert Gottschalk sought to support transit-oriented development throughout this area while also ensuring that existing Millbrae residents benefitted through additional sales tax that may support city services.

For the last three years, Mr. Gottschalk has served on the HEART Board of Directors, an affordable housing fund, that helps to relieve the hardship that too many of our neighbors suffer due to the skyrocketing housing prices in the Bay Area. The lack of affordable housing is unfortunately the defining problem of our time and the leadership of our elected officials is needed to address it.

In his duties on the council, Mayor Gottschalk served on the Finance Committee, the Loan Review Committee, the Airport Land Use Committee and the SFO Airport Community Roundtable. I've been working closely with him and other local and federal officials to solve the airport noise crisis that has become a health problem for many residents in San Mateo County. In his service on the Airport Community Roundtable, and on the council, his legal expertise is invoked to ensure that

Millbrae remains as noise-free as possible, and that the community's interests are understood by airport and federal officials.

During his 12 years on the council, Councilman Gottschalk has been part of many milestones in town. He was instrumental in completing the construction of the Millbrae library and the expansion of the countywide library system. As a long-time board member of the Sister Cities Commission, he led the effort and signed friendship city agreements with Kai Ping, China in 2009 and with Hanyu, Japan in 2014. He has traveled to China five times. He has also been very active in improving county emergency services and in relieving traffic congestion.

Mr. Gottschalk brought impressive experience to the city council. He earned a BA from San Jose State University in 1968, an MBA in Finance from UC Berkeley in 1975 and a JD from UC Hastings College of the Law the same year. He has practiced law in Millbrae for 15 years. Prior to that, he had a 21-year-career in the banking industry. He served for 26 years in the military, including on an aircraft carrier in Vietnam, and retired as Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Robert Gottschalk for his service to the city of Millbrae and to our country. Few are called to serve, and even fewer go willingly into the daily toil of democracy. Whether in our nation's armed forces or as a thoughtful voice of reason on a city council, Robert Gottschalk is one who has contributed greatly to his city and country. It is now time for him to turn over the reins of responsibility to another council, but he does so knowing that he not only did his best on behalf of his community, but that his service is an example of why local democracy in America is the most trusted level of government. We sincerely thank him for a job exceedingly well done.

HONORING JAMES "LEE"
HUTCHINSON

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today, we honor James "Lee" Hutchinson for his service to his country and to his community.

A southern Indiana native, Hutchinson served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during the final years of World War II. After attending training to become a radio operator, Hutchinson shipped out with the 490th Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force. While serving with the "Mighty Eighth," Hutchinson was aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress; he and his crew executed missions deep within Nazi Germany, and often faced anti-aircraft fire and attacks by the German Luftwaffe.

Hutchinson's numerous awards and commendations include, among others, a World War II Victory Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, and an American Theater Service Medal.

He arrived home at the age of 20 and enrolled in Indiana University with a desire to study history and journalism. He pursued further education after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1949,

and enjoyed a 37 year career in education in the Bedford-North Lawrence school system.

Hutchinson's experiences in World War II inspired him to author "Through These Eyes: A World War II Eighth Air Force Combat Diary," which chronicled his life in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Hutchinson published three more books that detail memorable moments from his life and highlight his record of service.

An accomplished author, educator, and serviceman, Hutchinson remains involved in his home church. Moreover, he served as the president of the local Rotary Club, and is an active member of his Masonic Lodge.

It is a privilege to award James "Lee" Hutchinson with Congressional Commendation, and ensure his story is preserved for future generations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall no. 665, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on adoption of the conference report to accompany S. 1177, the Student Success Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

A TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY GREGORY-JOHNSON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend and colleague, Shirley Gregory-Johnson. Shirley has served the people of Philadelphia since her early years. She was active in her Germantown neighborhood in her youth. Subsequently, the people of Logan were lucky enough to have her move into their community and to continue her public service.

Shirley has been a dynamic leader of that community for over thirty years. In 1986, 950 homes in the Logan Triangle were found to be sinking, leaving families homeless and without a future. Shirley led the efforts to rescue affected families, participating in the creation and operations of the nonprofit Logan Assistance Corporation to help relocate Logan residents. She extended her efforts to help her neighbors and constituents by serving on boards such as Albert Einstein Hospital and Bebash, one of the nation's HIV/AIDS organizations which serves low-income people of color with HIV disease.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Gregory-Johnson also has a distinguished record of service to this House. She worked in the office of my predecessor, Hon. Tom Foglietta for fifteen years. She was one of my first hires, when I persuaded her to join my staff as District Director in 1998. She retired from the House in January of this year, but continues her public service in various volunteer and political positions.

Shirley will be celebrating her 80th birthday on December 13. Dignitaries and residents of